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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.705

Sir:

In response to the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) issued with the Notice of Allowance dated January 9, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the patent term adjustment be reconsidered.

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The Patent Term Adjustment of 491 days specified in the above-referenced Determination should, instead, be 688 days as the Letter Restarting Period for Response mailed on November 18, 2005 was not accounted for in the determination of Applicants' delay in responding to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on May 5, 2005. Thus, Applicants' Response dated March 20, 2006 is a mere 30 days from the February 18, 2006 three-month Period for Response deadline that was restarted on November 18, 2005. In other words, 30 days, instead of 227 days, should have been applied as Applicants' delay. And the 197 day difference between the erroneously-applied 227 days and the proper 30 days should be added back to the Patent Term Adjustment i.e., $491 + 197 = 688$ days.

Applicants respectfully request that this matter be resolved promptly, and that inquiries be directed to Applicants' undersigned representative at the contact number listed below.

Any fee due with this paper, including those set forth in 37 CFR § 1.18(e), may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

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